

Readings Related to Racial Relations, American Justice, CRT, and Historical American Slavery:

Oneness Embraced: A Kingdom Race Theology for Reconciliation, Unity, and Justice, Tony Evans, Moody Publishers, 2022. This is a very well thought out, well reasoned, well researched, and well composed exploration of racial issues. Dr. Evans does a great job of walking the middle ground between expositing Black Spirituality and exhorting the body of Christ while not assimilating the more liberal ideologies associated with CRT or other modern social movements. Part history, part theology, part pastoral advice: this is a powerful book. If you only read one book on this topic, Mr. White would highly recommend this one.

So You Want to Talk About Race, Ijeoma Oluo, Seal Press, 2018. Ms. Oluo is a passionate voice supporting the more liberal side of these issues. She gives a clear, powerful exposition of the vocabulary and issues surrounding race relations. Her book added perspective and understanding for Mr. White as he read through this book. It is important to read a variety of viewpoints on complex topics.

Fault Lines: The Social Justice Movement and Evangelicalism's Looming Catastrophe, Voddie T. Boucham, Jr., Salem Books, 2021. "Fault Lines" is a great foil to "So, You Want to Talk about Race". Dr. Boucham gives a conservative rebuttal to much of the social justice ideologies permeating our culture. While not addressing what could or should be done about these issues, his critique of the liberal ideologies behind many movements is insightful.

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice And Redemption, Bryan Stevenson, One World, 2015. A candid look at how unjust our justice system can be and how important and powerful advocacy work can be. Written from Dr. Stevenson's perspective as a lawyer in the South, this book is a wake-up call to become more aware of how having ideals of justice isn't enough to ensure that justice happens. Although not discussed in these terms, it describes many vignettes showing how our systems can be designed for PROCEDURAL justice (taking the correct steps) instead of SUBSTANTIVE justice (actually getting a correct punishment for a crime).

Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo", Zora Neale Hurston, Amistad, 2020. Hear the stories of a man who was brought (illegally) to the American South on the last slave ship. Cudjo Lewis shares, through Zora's pen, about his childhood, capture, enslavement, emancipation, and struggle to find life and love as a free man. Moving, insightful and grounded in verified history. Because of the dialect used in the writing, Mr. White recommends the audio version. Regardless, it is well worth the read/listen.

<https://www.acsi.org/unity> Read about the ACSI initiatives regarding unity, diversity, and social engagement. More materials may be forthcoming.

Other books that Mr. White has read or heard about in his explorations:

Fire in the Streets: How You Can Confidently Respond to Incendiary Cultural Topics, Douglas R. Groothuis, Salem Books, 2022.

Uncle Tom's Cabin, Harriet Beecher Stowe, originally written in 1852.

The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism, Jemar Tisby and Lecrae Moore, Zondervan, 2020.